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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of this application, applicants respectfully request amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18.

Please add new claims 19-41.

19. A vaccine composition comprising:

- (a) a *Salmonella typhi* purified Vi polysaccharide and
(b) at least one other antigen

wherein the vaccine components are stable and do not interfere with each other.

20. A vaccine composition as claimed in claim 19 in which the other antigen is a hepatitis A antigen.

21. A vaccine composition according to claim 19 which additionally comprises an adjuvant.

22. A vaccine composition according to claim 21 which additionally comprises a carrier.